

Remarks

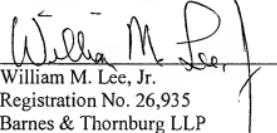
In the office action, claims 17-28 and 30-60 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Nelson (US6262992) in view of Ramakrishnan (US2003/00121196) and Sorhaug (US6424627). Claims 63-64 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but were stated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

In response, claim 17 has been amended to incorporate the features of claim 63 and claim 40 has been amended to incorporate the features of claims 46 and 64. Similar amendments have been made to claims 32, 48 and 54. Claims 46, 63 and 64 previously on file have been deleted.

In view of the examiner's previous indication that claims incorporating the features of claims 63 and 64 would be allowable, the applicant believes that the claims as amended place the application in condition for allowance. Such action is therefore solicited.

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